

At the end of last term, students were able to enjoy the Year 13 Christmas Pantomime of *Peter Pan*. Back in front of a live audience, students were whisked away to Neverland to watch Peter Pan do battle against the evil Captain Hook and his minions! We are incredibly grateful to the Sixth Form students who wrote, organised and directed the performance, and staff who gave up their time to participate in this event. The pantomime was a lovely way to end a busy term and we look forward to seeing the next production in December! Over to you, Year 12!!

We also hosted our Christmas Elf Quiz, where each Head of House and their Sixth Form team hosted a round of questions. Congratulations to Darnley, who were this year's winners.

Last month, the BBC revealed the 2022 list of 100 inspiring and influential women. This is the 10th season of 100 Women, so they have taken the opportunity to explore what progress has been made over the last decade. While there have been huge steps forward for women's rights – from the number of female leaders to the MeToo movement – for women in many corners of the world it still feels like there is a long way to go. The list also reflects the role of women at the heart of conflict around the world in 2022 – from the protesters bravely demanding change in Iran, to the female faces of conflict and resistance in Ukraine and Russia. For the first time this year, they also asked previous 100 Women to nominate others who they felt deserved a place on the 2022 list. There are many fascinating stories to read so please do take the time to look at the list and see what inspires you. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/resources/idt-75af095e-21f7-41b0-9c5f-a96a5e0615c1>



Speak Out - All welcome! Every Thursday we host a Speak Out meeting in MF08 at 1.45pm. We want to enable people to 'speak out' about all forms of unacceptable behaviour. This includes and is not limited to, sexual harassment, sexual violence, domestic abuse, racial abuse and discriminatory abuse. Please come and join us to talk about positive solutions and actions we could take to support our community here and make us feel happier and safer. We would like to see volunteers from every year group.

Looking forward

Week of 9th January

Year 9 Entry Level Computing tests

Monday 9th January

Year 7 Assembly in the Hall (IGN/JFT)

Year 12 & 13 Health & Social Care exams

Tuesday 10th January

Year 9 Assembly in the Hall (FC/JMT)

Year 10 Photography trip to Jeskyns

Wednesday 11th January

Year 12 Assembly in the Hall (BST/LA)

Year 13 Health & Social Care exam

Thursday 12th January

Year 8 Assembly in the Hall (ANN/JFT)

Year 7 Ceramics workshop

Year 12 Language Conference

Friday 13th January

Year 12 Media Magazine Conference

Monday 16th January

Year 12 test week begins

Year 13 Health & Social Care exam

Year 7 Ceramics workshop

Thursday 19th January

Year 7 Learning to Learn

Year 9 Mandarin trip to BFI (tbc)

Monday 23rd January

Penfold event (Chinese New Year)

Friday 27th January

STEM day

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme: People with Vision

Founders of religions; individuals who have battled against the odds to realise their visions.

Our School Environment

Please continue to ensure all areas of school are left litter free.

Litter duty: 8L Please collect the litter picks and black sacks from Mrs Kemp's Office by 1.45pm and report to your Learning Leader and staff on the field at the end of lunchtime, 2.15pm.

Water: Please use the water stations around the school at break and lunchtime and remember to bring a bottle each day to minimise use of single use plastic bottles.

Reminders

Poetry Competition: We would like to let you know about an exciting poetry competition that is currently running, that we think MEP students (and teachers!) will enjoy taking part in. Any student can enter as it is written in English, not Chinese. More information can be found via the link below, and the deadline is Wednesday 15th February. <https://ci.ioe.ac.uk/2023-newman-prize-for-english-jueju-poetry-competition-now-open-to-uk-students/>

Mobile Phones: A quick reminder that our school rules are not seen, not heard. On arrival in school, please turn your phone off and place in your locker, pocket or bag, where it should remain during the course of the day. At the end of school, please do not walk offsite on your phone, but look what you are going, being mindful of other pavement users and cars on the road.

Cars on site: If you are dropped off by car in the morning, please ensure you are let out on the road adjacent to the school and your family vehicle is not driven on site unless you have been issued with an exemption pass to do so.

Sixth Form drivers: Please park your vehicles in the designated areas at the Bainbridge site.

Examinations: There will be mock examinations running for the next two weeks, please observe 'No Entry' signs and ensure areas where there are taking place are quiet. The majority of examinations will take place at the Bainbridge Site.

Food Ordering Service: A little reminder that a lunch can be ordered in advance from the Canteen if you have a club at lunchtime.

Lunch Passes for Clubs: These come from the member of staff leading the Club, please ask them for a pass if you require one.

MGSG Preloved Uniform Service

From January, we will be opening the MGSG Preloved Uniform service to offer an affordable alternative to school uniform. It will provide a way for you to pass on items your daughter has outgrown and help the school community to buy school uniform at less than half of the retail price.

We are currently in the process of sorting the stock we have and trying to make things as easy as possible.

All items have been washed, neatly folded and stored in individual bags with sizes labelled.

Any donations you have can be given in at the School Reception, all we ask is that items are washed and in a good condition for resale.

Price list for available items (this will be subject to change as stock levels and donations will vary)

Blouse	£4.00
Cardigan	£8.00
Jumper	£8.00
Kilt	£5.00
MGSG PE Legging	£3.00

- To make an enquiry on items and check the availability of sizes please contact us via the new email uniform@mgsg.kent.sch.uk
- Once the sale is agreed, the payment option will be made available to you on Scopay [Login \(scopay.com\)](https://scopay.com)
- Students can then collect items from the Finance Office during lunch break

If an item is received in a worn condition it will be kept by the School Office for garments to be given to students who have forgotten uniform or require a spare. This move will lessen our environmental impact on uniform production and disposal.

House Merits

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	60	73	47
Chadwick	66	64	37
Darnley	55	75	57
Lynton	74	80	57
Penfold	60	49	54
Reekie	62	53	37
Westbrook	73	79	84

School History: Spotlight on the 1960s



Mary Pilling taught PE at our school in the 1960s. Mary was a fast opening bowler, playing for Kent from 1959-1983. She played for England in 11 test matches and 9 one day internationals between 1963 and 1978, captained England in the 1978 World Cup and was part of the first World Cup winning team in 1973, captained by Rachael Heyhoe Flint. Mary was presented with her County cap at a ceremony at the Spitfire Ground, Canterbury in September 2021.